

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2003 – 1000 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 94 new fires reported yesterday. No new large fires were reported. Very high fire indices were reported in Arizona and Indiana.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center is established in Lufkin, Texas. Four Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Chrisman, Dietrich, Morcom and Raley) are assigned in Longview, Nacogdoches, Corsicana, and Hemphill, Texas. Forty-eight agencies are cooperating in the search and collection of shuttle materials. Approximately 85 percent of the current assigned area, or 625,963 acres, has been searched and 36 percent of the total shuttle weight has been recovered. Ground searches in Palestine, Texas, have been completed and the camp has been closed.

NEWCASTLE, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA. State and Federal personnel have been mobilized in response to the outbreak of the Exotic Newcastle Disease. They are working in support of the USDA APHIS operation under a Unified Command. Support operations are being conducted in Arizona and California.

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

BOILER, Gila National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is east of the Beaverhead Work Center, and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Fuel types involved include ponderosa pine, pinyon pine, juniper and grass. Active fire behavior was observed yesterday on the north and southwest portions of the fire. Continued monitoring and mapping of fire spread is planned for today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOILER	NM	GNF	651	NR	UNK	8	0	2	0	0	1K

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warnings:** Southwest Texas and Southern one-third of New Mexico below 8,500 feet due to low humidity, gusty afternoon winds, and high fire danger.

**Weather Discussion:** Three low pressure areas will affect the nation today. In the east, a low will move out of northern New England today, providing a few showers across Maine but dry weather southward toward southern New England and the mid-Atlantic. A strong low will travel across southern Kansas today, providing strong thunderstorms across the mid and southern Mississippi valley and spreading moisture into the Southeast for the first time in days. In the Northwest, a low will move onshore, providing showers with isolated thunderstorms in northern California and Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The Southwest and west Texas will be dry and windy today, with the highest winds in New Mexico and west Texas. Increased wind and showers can also be expected in southwest Alaska today.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHWEST</b> Slight chance rain or snow showers northern mountains of NM, partly to mostly sunny elsewhere, breezy to windy.	40s & 50s mountains, 60s to mid 80s lower elevations.	5-15% south half of area, 15-30%+ north half.	W to NW 15-25 mph east half, S to W 5-20 mph across the west half.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b> Showers	35-50 mountains 55-65 valleys 65-80 deserts	50-60%	SW 15 to 30 mph over the deserts and mountains, otherwise SW to W 5 to 15 mph.



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**Topic of Your Choice:**

**FIRES AND ACRES FOR YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	22				37	3	62
	ACRES	26				1,226	4	1,256
Southern Area	FIRES					30	2	32
	ACRES					398	181	579
TOTAL	FIRES	22	0	0	0	67	5	94
	ACRES	26	0	0	0	1,624	185	1,835

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				1	48		49
	ACRES				432	219		651
Northwest	FIRES	3	1	1			4	9
	ACRES	1	0	1			1	3
Northern California	FIRES				4	90	16	110
	ACRES				2,210	19	12	2,241
Southern California	FIRES	1	4		1	236	52	294
	ACRES	0	1		0	26	19	46
Northern Rockies	FIRES	86	1	3		54	9	153
	ACRES	1,193	0	32		16,298	1,342	18,865
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		8			8	2	18
	ACRES		3			284	0	287
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES	41	19	3		145	65	273
	ACRES	51	2,795	274		4,081	210	7,411
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	5	9	7	1	40	7	69
	ACRES	123	2	195	200	225	16	761
Eastern Area	FIRES	566		55	14	3,119	212	3,966
	ACRES	50,994		3,170	614	70,101	3,608	128,487
Southern Area	FIRES	82		7	11	8,159	249	8,508
	ACRES	7,839		757	756	122,259	6,405	138,016
TOTAL	FIRES	784	45	76	32	11,899	616	13,452
	ACRES	60,201	2,803	4,429	4,212	213,512	11,613	296,770

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>28,661</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>616,393</b>

\*\*\*Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the fourth reporting period in April\*\*\*

and

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES			1	1			2
	ACRES			35	7			42
Northern California	FIRES			1	1		3	5
	ACRES			1	0		11	12
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	2		3		18	5	28
	ACRES	51		4,770		9,812	52	14,685
Southern Area	FIRES			3		2	6	11
	ACRES			1,996		320	3,853	6,169
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	8	2	20	14	46
	ACRES	51	0	6,802	7	10,132	3,916	20,908

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	8	73	146	1		61	289
	ACRES	679	8,750	4,675	7		3,145	17,256
Northern California	FIRES	2	8	6	11		73	100
	ACRES	31	121	16,866	499		3,872	21,389
Southern California	FIRES		2	1	2		64	69
	ACRES		25	37	12		7,859	7,933
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	7	3			34	46
	ACRES	162	418	518			2,605	3,703
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	9	3		4	3	20
	ACRES	18	899	300		121	62	1,400
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	4	18	4	4		207	237
	ACRES	485	10,424	816	4,877		14,747	31,349
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	10	21	5	4	22	88
	ACRES	1,718	883	1,050	349	46	2,860	6,906
Eastern Area	FIRES	12		74	7	163	102	358
	ACRES	10,026		19,140	1,556	25,664	19,927	76,313
Southern Area	FIRES	46		215	33	5,630	988	6,912
	ACRES	7,494		75,372	49,606	373,952	780,507	1,286,931
TOTAL	FIRES	101	127	473	63	5,801	1,554	8,119
	ACRES	20,613	21,520	118,774	56,906	399,783	835,584	1,453,180

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						651	651
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	651	651

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**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest									5	
Northern California										
Southern California				3					17	274
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest			2							
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area			10	1		1			72	
Southern Area	22	52	11		1				370	918
Total	22	52	23	4	1	1	0	0	464	1192

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